

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~[[3]]~~18 including:

- (a) provide a line-list for the draft electronic transcript, the line-list having a first entry and a last entry;
- (b) provide a line-list for the revised electronic transcript, the line-list having a first entry and a last entry;
- (c) define a section within the line-list for the draft electronic transcript that covers all entries therein;
- (d) define a section within the line-list for the revised electronic transcript that covers all entries therein;
- (e) search for each entry within the defined section of the line-list for the draft electronic transcript that uniquely matches an entry within the defined section of the revised electronic transcript;
- (f) create a link between uniquely matched entries found in step (e);
- (g) form a link between the first entry in the line-list for the draft electronic transcript and the first entry in the line list for the revised electronic transcript if these first entries match;
- (h) form a link between the last entry in the line-list for the draft electronic transcript and the last entry in the line list for the revised electronic transcript if these last entries match;
- (i) search both above and below previously created links for entries within the defined section of the line-list for the draft electronic transcript that match entries within the defined section of the line-list for the revised electronic transcript;
- (j) create a link between matching entries found in step (i);
- (k) eliminate the defined sections of the line-list for the draft electronic transcript and of the line-list for the revised electronic transcript;
- (l) define each pair of linked entries, or set of consecutively linked entries, as a linked-section;
- (m) define each pair of non-linked entries, or set of consecutive non-linked entries, as a non-linked-section;

- (n) search for uniquely matching entries within the non-linked sections;
- (o) create a link between each uniquely matched pair of entries found in step (n);
- (p) search for matching entries between the first and last entries within each non-linked section;
- (q) create a link between each matching pair of entries found in step (p);
- (r) create a link between matching pairs of entries located above and below the links previously created by steps (l)-(q); and
- (s) for any link created in the above steps (a) thru (s), repeat above steps (a) thru (s) as applied to a word-list for the draft electronic transcript and a word-list for the revised electronic transcript in order to define sections within the word lists and matching entries in the word lists.

Claims 5-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~[[14]]~~25 wherein:
the type of speech of a line is None, Court, Answer, Question, Attorney, or Witness.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~[[11]]~~22 wherein:
the structural description of each line is a Speaker's Name, a Heading, the Start of Witness Testimony, or a Witness Section.

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (new): A method for transferring annotations associated with a draft electronic transcript having a word/line content to a revised electronic transcript having a word/line content, comprising:

- receiving a draft electronic transcript;
- receiving a revised electronic transcript;
- determining from the word/line content of the revised electronic transcript and from the word/line content of the draft electronic transcript if the revised electronic transcript is derived

from the draft electronic transcript and where within the revised electronic transcript the annotations are to be located;

if so, creating annotations to the revised electronic transcript based on the annotations associated with the draft electronic transcript;

storing the revised electronic transcript and its created annotations; and

wherein the determining step includes the steps of:

forming a word-list for the draft electronic transcript having entries associated with each word in the draft electronic transcript, the entries including a hash for each word, a page number for each word, a line number for each word, a start position for each word, and an end position for each word;

forming a line-list for the draft electronic transcript having entries associated with each line in the draft electronic transcript, the entries including a hash for each line, a page number for each line, and a line number for each line;

forming a word-list for the revised electronic transcript having entries associated with each word in the revised electronic transcript, the entries including a hash for each word, a page number for each word, a line number for each word, a start position for each word, and an end position for each word;

forming a line-list for the revised electronic transcript having entries associated with each line in the revised electronic transcript, the entries including a hash for each line, a page number for each line, and a line number for each line;

comparing entries within the line-list for the draft electronic transcript to entries within the line-list for the revised electronic transcript; and

comparing entries within the word-list for of the draft electronic transcript to entries within the word-list for the revised electronic transcript.

Claim 19 (new): A method for transferring annotations associated with a draft electronic transcript having a word/line content to a revised electronic transcript having a word/line content, comprising:

receiving a draft electronic transcript in real-time;

receiving a revised electronic transcript;

determining from the word/line content of the revised electronic transcript and from the word/line content of the draft electronic transcript if the revised electronic transcript is derived from the draft electronic transcript and where within the revised electronic transcript the annotations are to be located;

if so, creating annotations to the revised electronic transcript based on the annotations associated with the draft electronic transcript; and

storing the revised electronic transcript and its created annotations.

Claim 20 (new): A method for transferring annotations associated with a draft electronic transcript having a word/line content to a revised electronic transcript having a word/line content, comprising:

receiving a draft electronic transcript;

receiving a revised electronic transcript in real-time;

determining from the word/line content of the revised electronic transcript and from the word/line content of the draft electronic transcript if the revised electronic transcript is derived from the draft electronic transcript and where within the revised electronic transcript the annotations are to be located;

if so, creating annotations to the revised electronic transcript based on the annotations associated with the draft electronic transcript; and

storing the revised electronic transcript and its created annotations.

Claim 21 (new): A method for relocating an annotation from a draft electronic transcript to a revised electronic transcript, comprising:

locate a start-line position of the annotation within the draft transcript;

locate the end-line position of the annotation within the draft transcription;

determine a start-word that is at the start-line position of the annotation within the draft transcript;

determine an end-word that is at the end-line position of the annotation within the draft transcript;

match the start-word to a corresponding start-word within the revised transcript and determine the position of the corresponding start-word;

match the end-word to a corresponding end-word within the revised transcript and determine the position of the corresponding end-word;

relocate the annotation from the draft transcript to a position within the revised transcript that is defined by the position of the corresponding start-word and corresponding end-word;

(a) form a word-list for the draft transcript having entries associated with each word within the draft transcript;

(b) form a word-list for the revised transcript having entries associated with each word in the revised transcript;

(c) determine if the start-word within the word-list for the draft transcript has a link to a word within the word-list for the revised transcript;

(d) if a link is determined by step (c) skip to step (i);

(e) if a link is not determined by step (c), go up one or more words from the start-word in the word-list for the draft transcript to find a link between a word in the word-list for draft transcript and a word in the word-list for the revised transcript, and if no link is then found, go down one or more words from the start-word in the word-list for the draft transcript to find a link between a word in the word-list for draft transcript entries and a word in the word-list for the revised transcript;

(f) count the number of words and the direction traveled until a link was found in step (e);

(g) follow any link found from the draft transcript word to the revised transcript word in the revised transcript word-list;

(h) travel a number of entries equal to the number of entries counted in step (f) in a direction opposite to the direction in step (e) within the revised word-list;

(i) set a position in the last step performed as a starting position for the annotation in the revised word-list; and

(j) repeat steps (a) thru (i) using reverse directions to locate an end position for the annotation in the revised word-list.

Claim 22 (new): A method for analyzing the structure of an electronic transcript, comprising:

receiving electronic transcript data;

dividing the transcript data into lexical units;

dividing the transcript data into transcript layout data, and into actual body text having words and one or more lines;

assigning properties to each line of the actual body text; and

categorizing each line of the actual body text by assigning a structural description to each line;

wherein the categorizing step includes the step of;

applying heuristics to each line of the actual body text to determine wherein a structural description of each line falls into one of several known categories.

Claim 23 (new): A method for analyzing the structure of an electronic transcript, comprising:

receiving electronic transcript data;

dividing the transcript data into lexical units;

dividing the transcript data into transcript layout data, and into actual body text having words and one or more lines;

assigning properties to each line of the actual body text; and

categorizing each line of the actual body text by assigning a structural description to each line;

wherein the lexical units are simple words, abbreviations that include periods, numerical values with or without commas, monetary values, or dates expressed as slash-separated numbers.

Claim 24 (new): A method for analyzing the structure of an electronic transcript, comprising:

receiving electronic transcript data;

dividing the transcript data into lexical units;

dividing the transcript data into transcript layout data, and into actual body text having words and one or more lines;

assigning properties to each line of the actual body text; and

categorizing each line of the actual body text by assigning a structural description to each line;

wherein the transcript layout data are line numbers, page numbers, headers, or footers.

Claim 25 (new): A method for analyzing the structure of an electronic transcript, comprising:

- receiving electronic transcript data;
- dividing the transcript data into lexical units;
- dividing the transcript data into transcript layout data, and into actual body text having words and one or more lines;
- assigning properties to each line of the actual body text; and
- categorizing each line of the actual body text by assigning a structural description to each line;

wherein;

the assigned properties are selected from a group consisting of whether the actual body text is written as expanded text, whether a number of terms in the actual body text are more than a single space in length, whether a line is all upper case, whether a line starts with an all upper case word, whether a position of a first word in a line is not all upper case, whether a line begins with an open-parenthesis, whether a line ends with a close-parenthesis, whether a line ends with a colon, whether a line ends with an integer, whether a line ends with a period, whether a position of the word "BY" in a line, the position of a first colon in a line, the position of a first comma in a line, the position of a first open parenthesis in a line, the position of the first close parenthesis in a line, the position of the first "EXAMINATION" word in a line, the position of the first "DEPOSITION" word in a line, whether a line is centered, whether a line is probably inside a parenthetical phrase, and whether a line consists of spoken text, and the type of speech of a line.